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Marginal Column

By Jon Kimche

THE first round of the Anglo-Egyptian negotiations for a new treaty came to an end following an angry intervention by Mr. Bevin. For a time it appeared as if the talks had reached an unexpectedly swift climax. It was suggested that the Egyptian Premier and Wafid leader, Nafas Pasha, would himself come to London at once to be present at the showdown. But neither counsel prevailed, and it was agreed to postpone further discussion of the main issues until the less controversial side issues were settled. Egypt was prepared to conclude a treaty of alliance with Britain only on condition that British troops be withdrawn from the Canal and the Sudan be united with Egypt. Britain would then assist in the enlargement, training and equipping of the Egyptian Army. The establishment of a joint Anglo-Egyptian defence board and permission for the R.A.F. and the American Air Force to use certain airfields in Egypt were also suggested as possible concessions Egypt might make once she was in a position to negotiate the proposed treaty of alliance. Mr. Bevin explained that the 1936 Treaty retained its full validity and that, in present circumstances, Britain would continue to act on this basis. She was prepared to assist Egypt in a number of ways: to release sterling and goods to speed the Wafid reform programme, to make available a variety of arms and military equipment for the Egyptian Army, and to review the situation again as soon as the international situation has improved.

BUT the Egyptians were adamant. They replied that if that was the case, they would have to announce the abrogation of the Treaty and act accordingly. At this point Mr. Bevin became rather angry. He pointed out that he had always been Egypt's best, and sometimes only, friend in the Cabinet, but the Egyptian attitude was forcing him to abandon this position. He wanted the Egyptians to be under no illusion. Britain would not abandon the Suez position. "Have you forgotten the present world situation," he asked Salah Dln. If Egypt insisted on a policy of non-co-operation, then Britain would respond likewise. She would cease the supply of all war equipment and generally reconsider her policy towards Egypt.

TO assist the Egyptian delegation in London in their effort to soften the hearts in Cairo, the British Treasury made a generous tentative offer in the parallel discussions on the release of Egypt's sterling balance of about £220m. The British offered to release £80m. for 1950 and 1951 with a generous proportion of it convertible into dollars, Swiss francs and Swedish kroner. But Egypt now faces a dilemma not only with public opinion at home excited and full of anticipation but also with a large part of the Arab world suddenly rallying to Egypt's side.

THE pro-British Prime Minister's statement that the Anglo-Israeli Treaty was no longer compatible with conditions today was not treated unduly tragically in London. But reports from Baghdad show that there has been hardly any statement made by Nuri Pasha during his long career which has brought forth so much spontaneous support from virtually every political grouping. The Iraqi demand is linked with that of Egypt. If the Egyptians retreat, it will greatly affect their prestige in the Arab world.

EVEN in Jordan there has been a rally of Sheikhs and Notables to express their solidarity with Egypt in its efforts to revise or abrogate the 1936 Treaty. These are factors which Cairo cannot lightly ignore and the search for a suitable formula will require considerable ingenuity both in London and Cairo. London, December 24.

ARGENTINE MINISTER HOME
BUENOS AIRES, Saturday (INA). — The Argentine Minister to Israel, Sr. Pablo Manuel, has arrived here for consultations with his government.

Mediterranean Pact Asked By Sforza

ROME, Saturday (AP). — Italy has asked that Greece and Turkey join her in a Mediterranean Pact which would bolster the western world's defence against aggression, Foreign Minister Carlo Sforza told the Chamber of Deputies tonight. "The defence of the Mediterranean," he declared, "must be considered one of Italy's major aims, and in these days it is steadily acquiring greater importance." The Foreign Minister spoke on Friday night in reply to bitter Communist bloc criticisms of Italy's "Atlantic Pact" foreign policy at the end of a two-day debate. Count Sforza said those who distorted Italy into falsehood were those who "presented the Chinese in Korea as volunteers, who described the troops of the U.S. as warmongers, and who accused as warmongers the U.S. which had demobilized completely after the last war." He told the Chamber, "In all honesty, the whites in China and in Indonesia are paying now for the blood of the old-time European colonialists." Count Sforza said that General Eisenhower would not have authority in time of peace to order Italian troops out of their country without the consent of the Italian government. "No one is going to ask us to denude our sector of the West European front by sending our troops elsewhere," said Count Sforza who added that at the Brussels meeting the position of Italy "was considered pre-eminent in the defence of the Mediterranean, in which Italy, Greece and Turkey would also be called on to cooperate."

Stassen Claims Asia Has Clue to Peace

NEW DELHI, Saturday (Reuters). — Mr. Harold Stassen, prominent American Republican leader, said here yesterday he believed the American and Soviet ways of life could exist together "provided neither tried to impose by force its own way of life on the other." He told a press conference that Asia, with its own philosophy, could provide a major "third stream of philosophical thought leading towards a third way of life."

There were indications of a greater understanding of the Soviet Union in Asia than in the U.S. "Asia, ancient cradle of civilization, may well be the modern cradle of world peace," Mr. Stassen declared.

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Mr. Stassen is expected in Israel tomorrow. He was due to arrive in Jerusalem yesterday, but was delayed en route from Karachi when his plane was grounded. Senator Homer Ferguson, U.S. Senator from Michigan, has cancelled his Israeli trip, as did Senator Theodore Green of Rhode Island. Senator Ferguson had been expected in Jerusalem to meet with the Israeli Prime Minister, David Ben-Gurion, and to leave for Kalamata on Monday morning.

EGYPTIANS TRY TO BLOCKADE ELATH
LONDON, Saturday (INA). — The Arab blockade of Israel has been extended to include the Gulf of Akaba, according to the "Daily Telegraph's" Amman correspondent. He said that Jordan authorities are investigating a report from a British naval officer that the Egyptians have installed a shore battery near the tip of the Sinai peninsula at the entrance to the gulf. Egyptians in Amman are said to be "concerned" over Israel development plans for Elath. **Halifa Rivalry** In view of the severe damage caused to the ports of Alexandria and Port Said by competition from Haifa and Tel Aviv, as evidenced by the fact that goods in transit through Egyptian ports have considerably decreased of late, urgent action is to be taken by the government, according to a report issued by the Egyptian "Economic Boycott of Israel Committee." ANA reports from Cairo. The report suggests that restrictions hitherto enforced on transit goods should be eased, taxes reduced and a free zone established in Alexandria in order to divert goods from Israel ports. The report also asked for large sums to be spent to cultivate the Sinai peninsula along the Israeli frontier and settle refugees there.

Pope Appeals For Peace

VATICAN CITY, Saturday (Reuters). — Pope Pius XII today described as a supreme injustice the accusation that he wanted war and was collaborating to this end with imperialist powers. In his traditional Christmas Eve message, broadcast by Vatican radio to the world, he said, in appealing to all peoples to unite for the defence of peace, that a new war would upturn the earth and destroy all the institutions made by man.

"In these last weeks," he said, "the rift between the people has grown deeper still. Never in the history of mankind was there such a grave danger for the peace of all peoples."

Common Heritage The Church desired to help in paving the way for contact between the peoples. For her part and was represented not opposing principles, but a common heritage. The Pope said the great Holy Year jubilee, which was now closing, had exceeded the most optimistic expectations. He said millions of Catholics had been prevented from crossing the Iron Curtain to come to Rome. "May this salute reach them, penetrate the walls of their prison, the barred wire of the concentration camps and forced labor."

600 To Make Pilgrimage To Bethlehem for Christmas

Six hundred pilgrims are expected to cross into Jordan today to make the traditional pilgrimage to Bethlehem. About 100 members of the diplomatic and consular corps stationed in Jerusalem, and U.N. personnel will cross the lines south of the Talpote quarter to make the journey via the Bethlehem Road.

The other pilgrims, including ecclesiastics and lay people, will cross at Mandelbaum Gate, which will be open all day today and tomorrow.

Dr. A. Biran, Jerusalem District representative, who personally supervised the arrangements for the crossing, told the press on Friday that it was "gratifying to note the spirit of cooperation" which existed between Israel and Jordan in permitting free movement during the Christmas holiday. This was a further indication of the desire of the two governments to facilitate worship at Christian Holy Places, he said.

Frontier Post A frontier check post will be open at 3.30 this afternoon on the Jerusalem-Bethlehem Road. Dr. A. Biran, French Consul-General, and doyen of the Jerusalem Consular Corps, is scheduled to arrive there from Bethlehem to supervise arrangements that have been made for the pilgrimage.

UNSCOB Members Here The diplomatic and U.N. party will gather at the King David Hotel at 9.30 this evening. They will be escorted to the check post by Dr. Biran; Mr. L. Avrahami, Jerusalem District Police Superintendent; and Aloof-Mishna, M. Sham, Jerusalem District Commander. The party will then (Continued on Page 2, Col. 5)

Orthodox Mayor Seen For J'lem; Council Meets Today

Indications were clear last night that an Orthodox Bloc mayor will be chosen by the Jerusalem Municipal Council when it convenes this afternoon in the presence of the Minister of the Interior, Mr. M. Shapiro, and the District Representative, Dr. A. Biran. The choice of an Orthodox mayor became almost certain after the eleventh-hour formation of a coalition composed of four members of the United Religious Bloc, four members of the Central Bloc (General Zionists and Sephardim), the two members of Herut, and one member each of Poalei Agudat Israel and Religious Sephardim. The vice-mayors will be taken from the General Zionists and Herut.

Coalition to Meet The 12 members of the coalition are due to meet at 11 o'clock this morning at Mishrahi headquarters at Bet Meir to reach final agreement on the coalition. The councilors under consideration are Mr. M. Glickman-Porush (Agudat Israel) who headed the Orthodox Bloc list, Mr. Z. Shragal, a member of the Jewish Agency Executive (Poalei Mishrahi), and Mr. Joseph Shmuni, who headed the Religious Sephardim list. At present, the balance of

Big 3 to U.S.S.R.: We Must Find Basis for Parley

LONDON, Saturday (Reuters). — Britain, France, and the United States told Russia today that they were prepared to explore, with her, the possibility of finding a basis for a conference of Foreign Ministers.

They added that the "narrow basis" of a conference on German demilitarization as suggested in the Russian note of November 3, to which they were replying, did not hold out the prospect of a settlement.

Talks in N.Y. They said they were prepared to designate representatives to find a mutually acceptable basis for a meeting of the four Foreign Ministers, and suggested Lake Success as the best place to hold these preliminary talks. The Western Powers made these proposals in identically worded notes delivered through their envoys in Moscow yesterday.

Vishinsky Claims Russia Keeps Peace

PARIS, Saturday (Reuters). — The Soviet Foreign Minister, M. Andrei Vishinsky, said last night that Russia wanted peace and would do everything to preserve it, the French conservative newspaper "Le Figaro" reported today.

Landing at Havre on his way back from America, M. Vishinsky said: "I am not satisfied with the decisions taken at U.N. China should have been recognized a long time ago."

M. Vishinsky declined to comment on the question of a Four-Power conference or the war in Korea. Vishinsky left Orly airport for Berlin this morning.

Prospects Fair in Anglo-Egypt Talks; Horowitz Faces Deadlock

By George Lichtheim, POST Correspondent
LONDON, Saturday. — There is likely to be a considerable delay in concluding the Anglo-Egyptian political talks.

Autonomy and Arms Promised Vietnam

SAIGON, Saturday. — France and Vietnam today signed a treaty under which the latter becomes an independent state within Indo-China.

At the same time, America signed treaties with Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia to cover the flow of several million dollars' worth of munitions to the Indo-Chinese states which are being attacked by rebel Vietminh forces.

Vietminh guerrilla forces threatened a demonstration. Four persons were wounded in hand grenade incidents in the city last night. A strike was ordered by the Vietminh for two hours this morning but it was only partially effective. (AP, UP)

Europe Will Rebuff Eisenhower — Moscow

MOSCOW, Saturday (UP). — The Literary Gazette said here today that General Eisenhower would be "rebuffed" by the people of Europe in his attempts to organize the Atlantic Pact army. Calling him "Wall Street's supreme sergeant major," and as "hangman MacArthur's European counterpart," the paper said millions of people in Western Europe would not let General Eisenhower "scare or deceive" them.

U.S. WAGE FREEZE WASHINGTON, Saturday (Reuters). — The U.S. government yesterday "froze" wages in the American car industry at present levels until March. The order of the first wage ceiling since the second World War was issued by the Economic Stabilization Agency to parallel last week's freeze of new car prices at December 1 levels.

China Rejects Cease-Fire; Gen. Walker Dies in Jeep Crash

Gen. Ridgeway To Command 8th Army

SEOUL, Saturday. — Lieutenant-General Walton H. Walker, U.S. 8th Army Commander and fighting protégé of the late General Patton, died today from injuries suffered in a jeep crash. Lieutenant General Matthew Ridgeway has been appointed the new commander of the 8th Army. Now U.S. deputy chief of staff, he will leave Washington within a few days to replace General Walker. General Ridgeway commanded the 18th Airborne Corps in World War II. He led the first large-scale airborne assault in army history when his troops attacked Sicily in April, 1943.

The 8th Army lost its brilliant 61-year-old General shortly after his skillful direction had saved its life.

Decoration for Son His aides said the General planned to decorate his only son, Captain Sam Sims Walker, 25, and British forces under his command on his trip to the front. He died in a field hospital near Seoul soon after being taken there.

Captain Walker, a member of the U.S. 24th Division, arrived after his father's death. The General's aide, Lt.-Col. Layton Tynes, was injured.

The General was coming north when he met a south-bound conveyance on the slippery road. A Korean lorry driver pulled out of the conveyance into the path of the jeep, which braked, skidded and hit the lorry. General Walker was thrown out and run over by the jeep. Troops in the conveyance stood up and screamed at General Walker's jeep to halt, but they were too late.

General MacArthur said in a statement: "I am profoundly shocked at the death of General Walker. As commander of the 8th U.S. Army, he proved himself a brilliant military leader whom I had just recommended for promotion to the rank of full general." (AP, Reuters)

Three-Man U.N. Committee Meet to Discuss Next Step

LAKE SUCCESS, Saturday (AP). — The United Nations tonight received China's rejection of its attempts to obtain a cease-fire in Korea and the three-man cease-fire committee conferred immediately to discuss its next step. The communication, received by the Assembly President, Mr. Nasrullah Entesam, was signed by Chou En Lai, China's Foreign Minister.

U.N. Brace For Chinese Assault

TOKYO, Saturday (Reuters). — The thin U.N. line across Korea braced itself tonight for battle after General MacArthur's announcement that gathering Chinese armies now had "sufficient masses for attack."

Bitter fighting was reported south of Hwachon, along the 38th Parallel, northeast of Seoul.

The Communists, shifting their weight slightly east of the main defence line covering Seoul, had penetrated five kilometres in the Chungcheong area about 13 kms. below the Parallel, General MacArthur stated.

But General MacArthur confirmed the presence of Chinese forces in the area of Chungye, which is three kilometres below the Parallel. A Tokyo spokesman said, however, that the term "Chungye area" was used loosely. He refused to confirm that the Chinese had crossed the Parallel.

Action Below Parallel Four more Chinese Communist armies had now entered Korea, General MacArthur's communiqué said. Accelerated reinforcements and supplies indicated a forward move by the large Chinese forces — pointed south by the "Parallels" running through Pyongyang.

Other signs of an impending Communist offensive were continued aggressive probing actions along the Allied lines and the presence of artillery with the Chinese columns.

Between 80,000 and 100,000 were also said to be facing the American 8th Army before Seoul, but Allied troops hoped that the three weeks full since the Chinese counter-offensive would continue at least over Christmas.

The isolated American garrison at Hungnam in the northeast was still holding out with the continued help of aircraft and the guns of the Allied warships behind them off-shore.

American sabre jet-fighters — claimed to be the world's fastest aircraft — shot down six Russian-type jets late yesterday in the biggest air battle of the war.

Acheson Rejects Isolation For Fear of Russian Victory

WASHINGTON, Saturday (Reuters). — U.S. Secretary of State Dean Acheson today repudiated all suggestions that the U.S. should withdraw from its commitments in Western Europe. Mr. Acheson was giving a review of the position of the North Atlantic powers at his weekly press conference. His statement was regarded as a comment on the recent speech by former President Herbert Hoover urging that the U.S. should refrain from further commitments in Europe and build up western hemisphere defences.

Mr. Acheson firmly rejected what he described as "a policy of sitting quivering in a storm cellar waiting for a fate that others may wish to prepare for us." Isolation, he said, would allow the Soviet Union to make a quick conquest of the entire Eurasian land mass and would place at its disposal military resources and economic power vastly superior to any available to the U.S.

Through such possession, the Soviet Union would be in a position to develop power which could eliminate American power and which would be used for that purpose, Mr. Acheson considered.

The National Security Council has rejected this policy because it is self-defeating and could lead only to surrender and defeat," he said. Mr. Acheson said the recent Brussels meeting of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization was the culmination of a period of planning and organization.

Galvanic Eisenhower The creation of a supreme command and the selection of General Eisenhower was an essential step in galvanizing into action the actual translation of paper into men with guns and material and air and naval forces. Mr. Acheson revealed that a new, vigorous and active board

Adenauer Satisfied By Equal Treatment

BONN, Saturday (Reuters). — The West German Chancellor, Konrad Adenauer, returned from his conversation with the Allied High Commissioners on Thursday, "more satisfied than ever" the Christian Democratic press service, which reflects closely the views of the chancellor, said yesterday.

"This time," it said, "the High Commissioners did not receive him merely to tell him what had been decided, but to inform him fully of the Brussels conference without delay."

The German defence contribution was in the forefront of the discussions. This will be negotiated at the conference table where the German proposals will be heard and where a common decision will be reached.

"For the first time since the war, German and Allied soldiers will negotiate a solution which will not only serve West European defence but will satisfy German aspirations."

3m. Army to Include Yugoslavia, Spain

WASHINGTON, Saturday (Reuters). — Mr. Dean Acheson today told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in closed session that the North Atlantic countries planned to build an army of three million men by 1953, according to two Congressmen who declined to be identified.

One Senator had quoted Mr. Acheson as saying that a close tie up was in progress with Yugoslav forces and that Spain was also being considered in the plans for defending Western Europe. But others said Mr. Acheson had been incorrectly quoted.

Some senators said that after hearing Mr. Acheson, they were convinced no immediate Communist attack was expected in Western Europe.

They said Mr. Acheson promised that the U.S. would insist that European countries must carry out their obligations before America continued to pour manpower and money into the joint effort.

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Arrival of First Constellation Puts El Al in Ranks of Rival Airlines

LYDDA AIRPORT, Saturday. — With the arrival yesterday of El Al's first Constellation plane the national carrier now becomes competitive among the world airlines serving the Middle East. This plane reduces the flying time between Israel and America by more than 25 per cent. Only 27 hours now separate the two countries.

Another Constellation is due to arrive in six weeks' time, and a third later next year.

Mr. David Remez, former Minister of Communications, who had been closely associated with the acquisition of the airliner, spoke to a large crowd that was waiting for the arrival. "Like Israel and the Hebrew language, it is both very old and very new," he said, referring to the history of the Constellation which had been bought three years ago in the U.S.

Most Modern Captain Richard Waring, chief of El Al operations and a veteran Canadian flier, explained that this was the most modern plane in use anywhere in the world. Fitted out with the most novel improvements, he said, the Constellation could carry from Lydda to New York a payload of 11,300,000 at 370 kilometres per hour (58 passengers, their baggage and four tons of cargo), as against a Skyliner's payload of 11,100,000 at 300 kilometres an hour.

The pressurized cabin enables flights above the weather at an altitude of over 6,000 metres. "It will be possible to leave Lydda at 9 a.m. local time and arrive in New York at 8 a.m. the next morning," Captain Waring said. The plane, painted in silver and royal blue, touched down here at 10.32. She had left New York on Friday night, and arrived at Lydda on Saturday morning. The Constellation was the first of a series of new aircraft to be purchased by El Al. The first Constellation was the first of a series of new aircraft to be purchased by El Al.

58 Passengers Among her 58 passengers were Mr. Levi Eshkol, Treasurer of the Jewish Agency, and Mr. Ian Mikardo, British Labour M.P. Mr. Yehuda Arai, now manager of "Israel Hestia" Ltd., was also aboard. He had been invited by El Al earlier this week to fly to London, and return with the Constellation, for he had played a prominent part in purchasing this aircraft.

The Constellation will be used on the European service. Among those who welcomed the plane were also Mr. Barkochba Meyerovitz, Director-General of Land, Sea and Air Transport in the Ministry of Communications; Mr. V. Gore, the Ministry's Assistant Secretary; and Mr. A. Remez, until recently Commander of the Air Force.

Labour M.P. Guest Of Histadrut LYDDA AIRPORT, Saturday. — Mr. Ian Mikardo, Labour member of the British Parliament, who arrived yesterday aboard the Constellation, will spend three weeks in Israel as the guest of the Histadrut.

Mr. Mikardo had tried in vain to obtain an entry visa into Jordan, and had raised the matter in Parliament before his departure to the Middle East.

He told journalists at the airport here that it was the view of a considerable section of Parliament that had the British Government made its policy on Korea more flexible, it could have prevented General MacArthur's offensive into Northern Korea and the subsequent reverses.

Charged with five thefts in the Tel Aviv-Jaffa area during the past fortnight, 37-year-old Shmuel Masur was remanded by the Tel Aviv Magistrate on Friday.

Personal Notices Ruth Wardia Yosef Tekoah ENGAGED Tel Aviv December 1958

MARRIAGE. ALVO ROMANO The marriage of Sarah, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Haim Romano of Tel Aviv, to Mr. Daniel Alvo of Athens, will take place at the Ohel Moed Synagogue, 5 Shadal Street, Tel Aviv, tomorrow, December 25, 1958, at 2.30 p.m.

Relatives, friends and acquaintances are cordially invited. Telegraphic Address: ALVO ROMANO, Tel Aviv. This is the only intimation.

Wife, daughter and friends deeply regret to announce the death of MIRON S. GOLTZMAN of Shanghai, China.

The funeral service will leave from the Hadassah Hospital, 3 Maza St., Tel Aviv, today at 3 p.m. — Burial at Kiryat Shaul.

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Men Who Bought Materials Secretly Among Arrivals

LYDDA AIRPORT, Saturday. — When the neatly-uniformed crew of the Constellation stepped out on the ramp here yesterday morning to receive the congratulations of numerous officials and well-wishers, one of their number, in civilian dress, quietly slipped to the side, and stood unnoticed, except by a few.

These few were air force personnel and others who participated in the gathering of material and aeroplanes during the War of Independence. They were there to greet the man largely responsible for obtaining these aircraft which included the Constellation that had just landed.

He is Mr. Al Schwimmer, 32, the soft-spoken, slightly building former T.W.A. flight engineer, who with five others stood trial in Los Angeles earlier this year on charges of "conspiracy to violate the neutrality Act and Export Control Law."

Three, including Schwimmer, were found guilty and fined \$10,000. The aeroplanes involved were three Constellations and ten C-46 twin-engined Commandos. They were bought from the War Surplus Administration at exceedingly low prices.

One of the Constellations was actually used in the transport of material to Israel, while the other two (including yesterday's arrival) were seized by the authorities at Millville, New Jersey, in July, 1948. In fact, the same pilot who flew the first Constellation for El Al to Czechoslovakia brought its sister ship in yesterday. He is Mr. Sam Lewis, a veteran T.W.A. test pilot, who was acquitted at the same trial with Mr. Schwimmer in Los Angeles.

First Plane Crashed Mr. Lewis joined "Service Airways" a corporation formed by Mr. Schwimmer and others in 1948, and flew a Constellation to Czechoslovakia, where, according to evidence presented at the trial, it was damaged in a crash. The plane was returned to the U.S. and will join El Al after alterations are completed.

Another "pioneer" in the corporation, who was convicted in the Los Angeles trial, Mr. Leo Gardner, arrived yesterday flying as co-pilot to Lewis. Gardner, as the trial revealed, was instrumental in picking out landing spots in the Negev, and in participating in many expeditions to the isolated settlements there during the fighting. The planes used in these operations were the C-46s obtained by Mr. Schwimmer's corporation. Mr. Gardner flew them to Israel.

A further Constellation, which was bought later in 1948, is also undergoing alterations at Burbank, California, and is expected to join El Al service. Among the other crew members and passengers who arrived and their friends who greeted them were many who participated in 1948 in the complex and risky work of gathering aeroplanes and equipment.

Also among the arrivals was Mr. Schwimmer's father, who had been instrumental in re-fitting the Constellation in California.

JAIL FOR SENDING HAGANAH PLANE LONDON, Saturday (Reuter). — A was-time paratrooper who became director of an air charter company was jailed for six months and fined £2,500 here today because a Mosquito war plane was illegally exported to Israel. He was Harold Alfred Towle, of Fulmer, Bucks.

A man named Farnfield, said by the prosecution to be a member of Haganah, was mentioned at the hearing here. The magistrate said: "I am very interested in this Mr. Farnfield. It so happens that we do not see the most important man in court."

Mr. Towle's counsel called Mr. Farnfield "cunning and subtle" and said he had told Mr. Towle that he wanted planes and actors to make a documentary film, which actually was made. Mr. Towle pleaded guilty to be knowingly concerned in the export of the restrictions on the export of aircraft.

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TEL AVIV, Saturday. — The inhumanity of Israel's prisons were frankly explained to the Supreme Court on Friday by the Attorney-General, Mr. H. Cohen, who said that there was no immediate prospect of reforming them owing to budgetary difficulties.

Mr. Cohen was appealing against the sentence passed by the Haifa District Court on Yitzhak Lasky, who was condemned to one year in prison on 166 charges of forging and uttering cheques and receiving their proceeds, or, in lieu of imprisonment, ordered to pay fines totalling IL420.

Lasky was a bookkeeper in the Soldiers' Families' Welfare Department of the Defence Ministry in Haifa. The Attorney-General appealed against that part of the sentence which permitted the accused to pay fines as an alternative to imprisonment. He stated that in doing so he could not ask the Supreme Court to think other than that this would involve a great punishment for the accused. He hoped that no judge would hold the mistaken belief that prisoners in Israel would under present conditions get any kind of education or reformatory teaching in the prisons.

Learn Criminally The chances were more likely that a convict would learn further criminality. The Attorney-General said that the best way today to apply modern and enlightened methods and that comprehensive and substantial programmes had been drawn up. But, he stated, the financial resources were little chance of improvement being effected in the near future. It was a conclusion that few countries were superior to Israel in their methods of punishment.

Fully realizing that, said Mr. Cohen, he nevertheless added that the accused be sent to prison for the sake of the deterrent effect the sentence would have on others. He stressed that Lasky was a Government servant who had taken Government money for his own use. In passing judgment, the Court (which was composed of Justices Cheshin, Agron and Silberg) held that the District Court had erred in allowing the accused the alternative of paying fines. On affirming the sentence of one year's imprisonment, the Court cancelled the alternative of a fine which had been imposed.

Sea, Air Facilities Greatly Expanded

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Israel is planning to double its merchant shipping to make this country independent in time of emergency, and also to strengthen what can be one of the most important foreign currency earning branches of industry. Mr. Barkochba Meyerovitz, Director-General of the Land, Sea and Air Transport Department of the Ministry of Communications, said here yesterday.

Immediate plans include the purchase of a 20,000-ton fast passenger vessel capable of covering the Haifa-New York run in from 10 to 12 days, and several large general cargo and fruit-carrying ships.

Turning from the sea to the air, Mr. Meyerovitz said that 11,000 passengers had passed through Lydda Airport in 1958, an increase of 20 per cent on 1957. Air freight tonnage handled this year amounted to 1,900 tons, an increase of 20 per cent on 1957. During 1958, El Al had carried 15,000 passengers, or 30 per cent of the total passenger air traffic in Israel, and had also flown 10 per cent of the mail.

Ship Renamed HAIFA, Saturday. — The cargo ship "Japon" has been renamed "Haishloha" in memory of the three Israel crew members of the s.s. Masada who lost their lives in Haifa waters last March. The brief ceremony took place yesterday in Haifa port.

Haifa Shipping Agent Arrested HAIFA, Saturday. — A well-known Haifa shipping agent was arrested yesterday when he was caught attempting to send abroad letters and authorizations, that allegedly proved his implications in illegal business transactions, the Port and Marine Police announced today. Investigations are continuing.

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LYDDA AIRPORT, Saturday. — When the neatly-uniformed crew of the Constellation stepped out on the ramp here yesterday morning to receive the congratulations of numerous officials and well-wishers, one of their number, in civilian dress, quietly slipped to the side, and stood unnoticed, except by a few.

These few were air force personnel and others who participated in the gathering of material and aeroplanes during the War of Independence. They were there to greet the man largely responsible for obtaining these aircraft which included the Constellation that had just landed.

He is Mr. Al Schwimmer, 32, the soft-spoken, slightly building former T.W.A. flight engineer, who with five others stood trial in Los Angeles earlier this year on charges of "conspiracy to violate the neutrality Act and Export Control Law."

Three, including Schwimmer, were found guilty and fined \$10,000. The aeroplanes involved were three Constellations and ten C-46 twin-engined Commandos. They were bought from the War Surplus Administration at exceedingly low prices.

One of the Constellations was actually used in the transport of material to Israel, while the other two (including yesterday's arrival) were seized by the authorities at Millville, New Jersey, in July, 1948. In fact, the same pilot who flew the first Constellation for El Al to Czechoslovakia brought its sister ship in yesterday. He is Mr. Sam Lewis, a veteran T.W.A. test pilot, who was acquitted at the same trial with Mr. Schwimmer in Los Angeles.

First Plane Crashed Mr. Lewis joined "Service Airways" a corporation formed by Mr. Schwimmer and others in 1948, and flew a Constellation to Czechoslovakia, where, according to evidence presented at the trial, it was damaged in a crash. The plane was returned to the U.S. and will join El Al after alterations are completed.

Another "pioneer" in the corporation, who was convicted in the Los Angeles trial, Mr. Leo Gardner, arrived yesterday flying as co-pilot to Lewis. Gardner, as the trial revealed, was instrumental in picking out landing spots in the Negev, and in participating in many expeditions to the isolated settlements there during the fighting. The planes used in these operations were the C-46s obtained by Mr. Schwimmer's corporation. Mr. Gardner flew them to Israel.

A further Constellation, which was bought later in 1948, is also undergoing alterations at Burbank, California, and is expected to join El Al service. Among the other crew members and passengers who arrived and their friends who greeted them were many who participated in 1948 in the complex and risky work of gathering aeroplanes and equipment.

Also among the arrivals was Mr. Schwimmer's father, who had been instrumental in re-fitting the Constellation in California.

Jail For Sending Haganah Plane LONDON, Saturday (Reuter). — A was-time paratrooper who became director of an air charter company was jailed for six months and fined £2,500 here today because a Mosquito war plane was illegally exported to Israel. He was Harold Alfred Towle, of Fulmer, Bucks.

A man named Farnfield, said by the prosecution to be a member of Haganah, was mentioned at the hearing here. The magistrate said: "I am very interested in this Mr. Farnfield. It so happens that we do not see the most important man in court."

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BRIGHT LIGHT IN DARK WORLD Christmas in Our Time

By Ivor Brown

THE darker grows the state of the world the more does man snatch at Christmas, which, at least in its role of secular holiday, grows larger and larger and longer and longer. Every year the gentry who get into the red robes and the cotton wool boards of Father Christmas in the Toy Fair of the great Department Stores, seem to clock in earlier and earlier. In the middle of the autumn apprehensive paragraphs about the turkey supply begin to appear and the public is reassured about the number of little conifers available for domestic afforestation.

There is no need to complain about over-doing Christmas. If the public did not like fussing over Christmas presents from the middle of autumn onwards, the shopkeepers would not waste money and materials on the catalogues and illuminations, the tinsel and the trimmings; nor would they keep the mummings of Santa Claus on their pay-rolls week after week.

Holiday Enlarged

But it is curious to reflect how Christmas has swollen. Shakespeare gives it but cursory mention and Dickens, who is supposed to have glorified and, as we say, "put across" Christmas in the big way, was dealing with a feast which would seem lamentably brief and in some ways meagre by our standards of prolonged celebration and widespread donation.

There was no general giving of presents then. When Pickwick party went to Dingley Dell they took some victuals, oysters which sound good and appropriate, and a large codfish which sounds extremely dull. On Christmas Eve they feasted long and royally, but there was no general handing round of parcels in decorative wrappings and no none of the awful heart-burnings over persons forgotten.

We, in fact, have elaborated Christmas to an extent which would have staggered Dickens. Preparations for it now go on for about half a year. Christmas Numbers of magazines are planned at mid-summer and Christmas books, with the present congestion of printing and binding, are an all-year preoccupation of the publishers. I suppose the B.B.C. has been planning its Christmas fustian of chestnuts since June.

Pantomimes are not quite so long in performance, which is a blessing to most parents. But they certainly have longer runs and sometimes run on almost till Easter. By the time Christmas is over, the average man has been through more than a year of the war in his mind. The building of a third German army by the West is surely an error in judgement that will puzzle future generations that, at a little distance in time, will telescope three wars will discern only a senseless, inextinguishable chance of partners. If the Jews were to seek a grim satisfaction in all this, it would be that a Germany divided and fighting actively on both sides of a war is less likely ever again to be united than a Germany passively suffering the third round of the war it unleashed.



David Low's Christmas Card

Dick Whittington has finally put off his pheasant-leather cap and long suede boots, the manager is deciding as to what young lady will wear them in the following December.

Commercial Spruce

The cause of the great Christmas spread-over is partly and frankly commercial. Every salesman naturally looks to Christmas sales and is eager to stimulate that supposedly hilarious exchange of books and calendars, cigars and slippers and haberdashery of all kinds. But, as I said, the public are not just cozened or bullied into this. They are ripe for the persuasion. Even the soaring prices of our time drag the willing purchasers in undismayed pursuit.

The longer the fast, the more welcome the feast. It is a break in the grey monotony of making-do. As a newspaperman I cannot admit that the public like a couple of days with no papers, but since the news nowadays is nearly always bad news, people may reasonably rejoice in a temporary absence of information from the storm centres. Happy the days when no Parliament sits and no statesman utters.

No doubt, from the sterner civic point of view, it is wrong to be thus "escapist." But Christmas grows bigger and longer and more widely beloved because occasional escape becomes more and more essential to balance it. It even contributes serenely. Our long sleep Christmas stretching to nearly a week may be bad for the liver, but it is extremely good for the nerves.

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Readers' Letters

LOST LANDMARK

To the Editor of THE POST
 Sir.— Road construction and ground levelling work at the intersection of the main Jaffa-Jerusalem road and the road to Holon have destroyed the last remnants of the iron foundry and thus a sad landmark has disappeared. It was here that some three years ago seven members of the Haganaah, stationed there to cover Mikve Israel and the communications of Tel Aviv to the South, were treacherously killed. I wonder whether it would not be fitting to erect also in their memory a simple monument, like for instance those near Yasser and Beith Dajan.

Yours, etc.,

A.F.L. LEVIE
 Tel Aviv, Dec. 18.

MINISTRY'S HELP

To the Editor of THE POST
 Sir.— In connection with the resignation from my post as Manager of Measur, "Rylat" Ltd. Export Syndicate of Israel Fashion Industries and in view of the sharp criticism aimed very often against nearly all Government Departments, I regard as my duty to voice my heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the Director of the Import-Export Section of the Ministry of Trade and Industry, as well as to all other officials of this Ministry for their understanding, cooperation, efficiency and

on the Israel tune: "Rachel at the Well" was a pleasant surprise. They are colourful with a beautiful melody, excellent in development and engaging in rhythmic contrasts and able orchestration. A repeat performance of Josef Kaminsky's Trumpet Concerto proved that this work is one of the very few really enjoyable Israeli compositions of a gay character, something in the nature of "Till Eulenspiegel." Hana Sachs as the soloist was brilliant. Preceding was another piece by Kaminsky: "Legend and Dance." The Hassidic trends here seemed more authentic than in Odedon Partos' somewhat superficial "Yiskor" for Viola (Gideon Roehr) and orchestra in the same programme, whilst Robert Staler's "Oriental Rhapsody" at the end was lacking in substance or charm and meaning. FRANGO

ISRAEL MUSIC

For the second time Kol Israel presented its Tuesday night concert in collaboration with Kol Zion Lagala in an all-Israel programme, under Hana Schlesinger. The conductor-composer's variations

abundant folklore, the fresco-style reminiscent of the great Mexican painter Diego Rivera. The raging rhythmic climax has an irresistible force, comparable with Bartok's "Allegro Barbaro." The alternating current between the conductor and the orchestra flowed to the audience. Altogether it was a moving farewell performance, but there is no need to fear for the artistic success of our orchestra under eminent conductors like Koussevitzky and Bernstein.

Contrary to the "flaming youth" of his first seasons in Israel, the young conductor this time was balanced and well-tempered. Mozart's "Ling" Symphony was rendered with a great upward beat, clear, relaxed, reflected.

Brahms' Fourth Symphony was an unforgettable event when performed under the same conductor immediately after the war as a concert for soldiers. Leonard Bernstein succeeded with an interpretation no less memorable this week. In the first movement the reminiscence of the famous theme from the "Second" flashed through the music. Bernstein developed the great contrasts of intense feelings, the shimmering melody lines, as well as the deep melancholy, and sense of tragedy. It was a wonderfully mature offering, with dynamic differentiation, strings, and the most subtle nuances with the wind-instruments choral-like in sound.

Sandwiched between Mozart and Brahms was the Jerusalem premiere of "Sinfonia India" by Carlos Chavez, the leading Mexican composer. There are some common trends with the Brazilian Camargo Guarnieri's Second Symphony as with Aaron Copland, that "Rite of Spring" influence originating from Stravinsky, it has the

THE WEEK IN THE KNESSET FINANCE MINISTER'S SURVEY

Mr. Kaplan was scheduled to give his survey on the economic position in this country in September. Economic disturbances and his trip to the U.S. forced him to postpone it until last week. In the meantime many of the problems which demand an answer have become still more acute and others have arisen which make the troubles of September appear small by comparison. The House and the galleries filled for the speech of the Minister of Finance and members as well as the public stayed for more than three hours to listen to the survey. When Mr. Kaplan had finished, however, two main questions remained unanswered: firstly, what is the supply position in Israel in a world which, if not on the brink of war is making all the preparations for the supreme emergency; and secondly: how is the government going to implement its policy, reaffirmed again by the Minister of Finance, to combat inflation?

As on former occasions Mr. Kaplan earned the appreciation of the House by stating clearly the difficulties to be faced. This time he went so far as to state that the country is approaching the crucial point when its very independence is in danger. He warned on the other hand of exaggerated pessimism and took pains to substantiate his conclusions by rows and rows of figures. Despite this wealth of material which the Minister put at the disposal of the House it is doubtful if the picture was drawn clear enough to provide a good basis for the discussion on the economic position which is to follow this week. Many of the facts and figures cited have been published before and the survey would have been much clearer if it had been confined to the main problems and given more thought to the measures to be taken by the government for putting into effect the policy sketched. Moreover Mr. Kaplan included in his speech two items which should have been treated separately: his attack against the policy of the citrus growers who try to force government into accepting their demands by striking and his argument with Mr. Bernstein concerning the commission appointed to enquire into alleged discriminations in the economic field. If these two issues were treated separately and at another time the speech would have been more concise and would have provided a better basis for discussion.

Raw Materials Short
 Perhaps Mr. Kaplan was unable to go into the problem of our supplies in an open session. A statement to this effect would have cleared the matter up. The Minister of Finance opened his speech

with a survey of the influence of international developments on Israel's economic position which showed that the problems involved are paramount in his mind. International developments have done more to change our economic prospects than anything else. If Mr. Kaplan's survey had been made in September the dearth of foreign currency would have been the main problem in conjunction with low output. Today rising prices, the world over and a shortage of raw materials are the main difficulties. Kaplan mentioned these problems but he did not deal with them extensively. In this, as in many other issues, the discussion will have to clear matters up as far as possible.

The second problem, of inflation, was mentioned by Mr. Kaplan repeatedly. He went over the well-known arguments in favour of increased production and the need to keep down costs. But he did not show how the government proposes to achieve these goals, in view of the international situation and the internal tendency to raise wages and prices. It is to be hoped that the Knesset, when discussing economic policy, will approach these issues on a realistic basis.

Interrupted Debates

The first day of the week was taken up by the second part of the discussion on the ma'abarot. In this debate more than in any other an interruption is to be expected. It happens very often that the Knesset begins dealing with a topic and breaks off after one session to start another debate, then returns to the first topic after a day or even after a week. Thus members tend to lose interest in the subject involved and often listeners cannot help feeling that speeches prepared a week beforehand lose their pungency when delivered later. The problem of the ma'abarot moreover is so pressing, and the debate was not only fruitless but injected with so much party feeling that the sense of frustration was even more apparent than usual. If the goal of the deliberations was to rouse the country to a supreme effort everything should have been done to make them impressive. If it was to suggest new measures to the government they should have been prepared carefully and with due considerations as to their practicability. The experience of this discussion

should serve as a spur to those responsible for the agenda of the House to draw it up with an eye to continuity.

Tuesday was taken up by the passing of the Education budget. This was separated from the general budget because, when the Compulsory Education law was accepted the needs of the Ministry of Education were not yet clear. So it happened that the Education budget was discussed when a large part of it had already been expended. It was significant that interest in the topic discussed arose only when party affairs were at stake. Moreover the dangers of the system of "Histaugrot" (votum separatum) adopted for third readings were revealed during this debate. Many of them were made for demonstrative purposes only with the clear knowledge that they would not be accepted and that their discussion would not make the least difference. A more efficient scheme for the third readings is needed, for more efficient and at the same time more objective discussion and voting.

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